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DUNNEGAN MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Dunnegan, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing two firearms.

Michael Grant Orrell, 29, of Dunnegan, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to two years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On June 22, 2005, **Orrell** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. **Orrell** admitted that he was in possession of a loaded Marlin .22-caliber rifle and a loaded Ruger .22-caliber semi-automatic rifle on Aug. 12, 2004, in Hickory County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Orrell** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for second degree assault in Polk County, Mo.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Hickory County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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